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WORK FOR THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Are the great ringing associations, as a whole, doing all that they might do to help young ringers, and particularly young bands? In one or two instances valuable work is done by association instructors, and the voluntary efforts of individual ringers in assisting in towers in their own neighbourhood must not be overlooked; but in how many areas can we find any officially organised effort to give young companies a start up the campanological ladder, or to enable struggling bands to ascend to higher things? There are some associations who, in their rules, profess to provide instruction, but year after year one may peruse their balance sheets and find no reference whatever to expenditure under this head. The fact is the young ringer is left largely to his own devices. If he is fortunate enough to join a competent band he may get all the help he needs, and his progress may be rapid. But there are large numbers who have no such advantage. Their ringing connection in their local tower is with men whose knowledge is as limited as their own; there is nothing to put an edge to their enthusiasm, and what small encouragement and help they may get by attending a district meeting carries them very little on the road to greater things. Sometimes, perhaps, a fortuitous circumstance brings into their midst an accomplished ringer, who can impart his own knowledge and keenness, and then we get the sequel like that which is to be found at Kempston, Beds, where a band unacquainted with change ringing three years ago, can now ring a number of Minor methods, through the energy of one individual who proved himself a leader.

But what are the Associations doing towards this same end? At most, they occasionally provide an instructor who gives a dozen or twenty lessons, which may or may not get the band to the stage of Grandsire Doubles, before they are left to shift for themselves. At least, they do nothing, but rely upon the false idea that if ringers want to get on they will make their own opportunities. In the area of nearly all the territorial associations there is scope for the well organised tuition of bands, which should not cease, but only be beginning, when the pupils have grasped the merest elementary idea of change ringing. The instruction should go on until the band can grapple with the highest methods, and it would be found that the longer they were assisted the quicker, in proportion, would they progress. It should be the aim of the associations, who claim to put the fostering of change ringing into the forefront of their objects, to formulate schemes for extending practical help to the members who would profit by instruction. It would probably cost money, but it would be money well invested. Par-

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ticularly would this be so if at the same time endeavours were made to enlarge the size of ringing companies. At present, even in towers where there is no payment for services rendered, and there is consequently no incentive to limit the numbers, it is seldom one finds the band attached to the church very much greater than the number of bells. We can see no real objection to a company of, say, twenty ringers at an eight-bell tower, but there are many arguments in favour of a big reserve, while to the associations it would mean a vastly increased membership. There may be, and, indeed, are, difficulties in the way, for there are some towers which cannot muster up as many ringers as bells, and there are others which have their special drawbacks on account of inaccessibility; but these matters are just the things which the associations, as central organising bodies, ought to undertake, and which they could tackle to their own ultimate advantage.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
ALBERT D. CULLUM 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 11
REV. C. CAREW COX 6	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES JEFFS Treble	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 6
WALTER AYRE 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
JOHN MALYAN 3	BEN JARMAN 8
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH 9
WILLIAM NASH 5	GEORGE GRAY Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH
† First peal of Stedman Caters, and first attempt. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. * First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART NO. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JAMES PAGETT 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	WALLACE BURTON ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The ringers desire to thank Mr. Storer West for his hospitality after the peal.

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On Friday, September 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

REGINALD GEO. GILBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 5
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	E. GEORGE TREW ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. GEORGE TREW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Preb. C. O. Parker, Rector of the parish.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 5
THOMAS BUTLER ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	*THOMAS H. BUTLER ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	CHARLES COVENTRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

FRANK E. DARBY ... Treble	JAMES E. COOPER ... 5
JOHN HOWES ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
*WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER SEAR ... Treble	*JOSEPH MARKS ... 5
WILLIAM MEAD ... 2	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 6
FREDERICK STONTON ... 3	HARRY SEAR ... 7
JOHN MEAD ... 4	FREDERICK WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal on the bells since rebanging. * First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales. Also for the occasion of harvest festival.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

LEONARD NELMES ... Treble	ERNEST ALLAWAY ... 5
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN W. DAVIS ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	WILLIAM BISHOP ... 7
GEORGE WILKE ... 4	HOWARD MEER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. F. Parnell, who has resigned the living, and preached his farewell sermon that day.

The number of changes in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Lowestoft, the report of which was published in our last issue, was 5,152, not 5,024, as sent.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM MARTIN ... 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
*WILLIAM J. BEER ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT HOLDEN ... 4	GEORGE MORRAD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lewis was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PARKIN ... Treble	*BERT RAICEY ... 5
SAMUEL HARRISON ... 2	ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 6
WM. A. WOOLER ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal. First peal as conductor.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH BENNETT ... Treble	SYDNEY SADLER ... 5
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 3	HENRY LINDSAY ... 7
WALTER WOOD ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First Surprise peal by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. Rung in honour of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels; also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Lindsay, S. Sadler, L. S. Halsall, and the conductor.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

*RYLAND MARCH ... Treble	†FRED WALLINGTON ... 5
†JOSEPH CHESTER ... 2	†WALTER WALLINGTON ... 6
HARRY BAXTER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*FRANK WALLINGTON ... 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Treble Bob.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. E. H. SPICE ... Treble	GEORGE POUND ... 5
EDWARD H. SPICE ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
THOMAS JULL ... 4	LAWRENCE HALES ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal, and first lady to ring a peal at Tunstall. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving festival. Also on the 20th anniversary of a peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods at Tunstall, in which ringers of 3rd and 4th took part. The band wish to thank Mrs. Spice, senr., for providing tea after the peal.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

BERT HORTON Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
SIDNEY ELTON 2	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
JOHN PERRY... .. 4	ALFRED BUYLER Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 2	ALBERT HUNTER 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	THOMAS LANCASTER 7
*WILLIAM N. PARK 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	REGINALD L. INCE 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM LANCASTER ... Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7
HERBERT LUCAS 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (69). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY... .. Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
JAMES T. WARD... .. 2	AMOS SMART 6
*LEONARD J. WYMAN ... 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. 4	*ARTHUR BELLAMY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 6
SHIRLEY BORTON... .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all except 6th ringer, and rung at first attempt. First peal in the method in the county.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE BURROWS Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
*ARTHUR W. HALL 2	FRANK OLIVER 6
†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
ROBERT G. LEWIS 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 6th hail from Uttoxeter; 2nd from Cheadle (Staffs); 3rd and 7th from Crewe; 5th and tenor from Stoke-on-Trent.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours & Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

HENRY JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	CHARLES WEBB 5
HENRY WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM H. BALL 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
ALBERT WALKER 4	HARRY WITHERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal in a Surprise method on these grand bells. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Withers. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harry Williams. Both events were duly celebrated after the peal.

WEST MAILING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRED A. LEASON Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
GEORGE BELL 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major, and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Daniels, who was inducted the previous Tuesday.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
*OSWALD J. HUNT 2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE... .. 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4	JOHN MORTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

This composition contains 360 bobs and 98 singles. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. * 50th peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*CYRIL TANSELL Treble	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 5
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal, and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
CHARLES LUMBER 2	THOMAS JULL 5
GEORGE KENWARD 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	*THOMAS BRADLEY 4
THOMAS TOWNSON 2	FURNESS WOODEND 5
FREDERICK COWARD 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung on St. Michael's Day, previous to the Restoration Jubilee service of this ancient Parish Church of St. Michael. * First peal.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES BRADLEY Treble	HERBERT JORDAN 4
HARRY MIDDLETON 2	JOHN HALL 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being all that can be desired.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER YEANDLE Treble	EDWIN THORNE 4
HENRY A. PHILLIPS 2	ISAAC FARMER 5
SAM. GRABHAM 3	EDWARD GOULD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

First peal of Minor by all the band except ringer of 2nd.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (Spiced): W. J. Baleman 1, E. C. Hartley 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, H. C. Albrow 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*THOMAS HARTWELL Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours & Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GILBERT M. HASELL Treble	EDGAR BOURTON 4
WILLIAM SHORE 2	THOMAS B. CLARK 5
HARRY PROUT 3	WILLIAM ROSEWELL Tenor

Conducted by B. T. CLARK.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

*JAMES BRACKLEY Treble	WILLIAM LEGGETT 7
HARRY TURNER 2	GEORGE MILES 5
†CHARLES J. BRACKLEY 3	WILLIAM H. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Both the treble and 3rd ringers were re-elected members of the Essex Association before starting the peal. Rung before evensong for the harvest festival.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3—4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Peal No. 169, C.C. Collection.

TWO PRESENTATIONS AT BUCKNALL.

At Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, on Sept. 24th, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Wheeldon, senr., leader of St. Mary's band, and Mrs. Wheeldon, the ringers were entertained to supper, the occasion being an 'At Home' to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeldon, junr., also the birthday of the leader of the band.

After supper, with Mr. Chas. Preston in the chair, two interesting events took place. The first was the presentation of an eight-day clock to Mr. W. Wheeldon, junr., on the occasion of his recent marriage; the presentation was made by Mr. W. Fradley. The second was a presentation to Mr. W. Wheeldon, senr., leader of the band, and this also consisted of a clock; the gift being handed to Mr. Wheeldon by Miss Alice Preston. Both gifts were suitably acknowledged, and a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS VICAR.

On completing 25 years as Vicar of Elham, the Rev. A. C. de Bourbel, was presented by the parishioners on Monday, Sept. 28th, with a grandfather's clock, accompanied by an album with names of subscribers, which included members of the Free Church Denominations, as well as Church of England. After the presentation, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the Parish Church by Messrs. S. and J. Binfield (Folkestone), the Misses Hardcastle and Chapman (Stratham), Messrs. F. Verney, T. Friend and F. and A. Castle, of the local band, conducted by S. Binfield and A. Castle.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

MELCHIOR AND CRANE.—THE NORWICH MEN'S DEBATE
ON STEDMAN.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The board recording the Coshany peal, reads as follows:—

In this steeple on the sixth of December, 1731, Was rung that most incomparable, as well as intricate, Peal of Stedman Triples, which had long been ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application brought it to perfection with two Doubles. The peal contains 5,040 Triple Changes, two Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed. The Bobs were called by Edward Crane before mentioned, and was rung and completed in 3 hours 18 minutes by us whose names are underwritten: Richard Barnham 1, Edward Crane 2, Jno. Harvey 3, Robt. Nockall 4, Wm. Pettingill 5, Thos. Crane 6, Rice Greene 7, R. Crane tenor.

The following letter from Edward Crane appeared in the 'Gazette' of December 24th, 1731:—

'WHEREAS Mr. Melchior did advertise on the 11th instant by the consent of his company, a kind of Banter upon St. Michael's Company; but not one Word of Truth unless it was that honest Tom has ears as long as an Ass. Truth indeed, but that is such asses as themselves; but that is not all. Whereas on Monday, the 6th of this instant December was rung at St. Michael's that ingenious Peal called Stedman's Triples, which contains 5,040 Changes (being the first time that ever it was rung), notwithstanding some of St. Peter's Company did employ a Bell Man to cry about the streets the following scandalous Verses, just before we began to ring, viz:—

This is to give Notice to all Sorts of People

That the Ringers that practice at St. Michael's Steeple,
Have craz'd their Brains, by setting forth false Pretences,
That it is to be fear'd they have quite lost their senses.

Therefore, let 'em repair to JOHN FOSTER'S, and 'tis plain
There's those that can help them to their senses again.

And a little before the peal was ended, they had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out; and so did fling stones up the Church Leads and against the Doors, and did cause the Boys in the Street to cry Huzzas; nay one of them was so impertinent as to open the Window of the Church to get in; but was prevented by the People that stood to hear the Peal come out, and were sent home to their Shame with Bloody Noses; all this some hundreds of People saw that stood to hear the Peal; this is good Credit for St. Peter's Ringers. Mr. Melchior was pleased to say that the Peal we rang was not Stedman Triples. I will meet him before any gentleman who is a proper judge of the Art, and belongs to neither company, and I will lay down my Peal at Length, and he shall do the same and let us dispute it out which is the properest Peal, according to Stedman's own Rule on Five Bells. Mr. Melchior you are pleased to say that in Stedman every Bell has its Course alike; but Stedman is mistaken, and so are you. These are the Names of the Men that rang the Peal on Monday, the 6th instant, aforesaid, viz.: Richard Barnham treble, Edward Crane 2nd, John Harvey 3rd, Robert Nockold 4th, William Pettingill 5, Thomas Crane 6th, Rice Green 7th, Robert Crane tenor.'

Melchior's reply was as follows:—

'WHEREAS Mr. Edward Crane (not Sir Thomas) did in the public News on the 24th of December, 1731, Charge St. Peter's Ringers with many base and scandalous Actions, which they are ashamed to hear of much more to act; for I must tell you that St. Peter's Ringers Scorn to act or encourage any such thing; neither can you bring any one Person of those Hundreds that you mention, that can prove they did any one of those things you charge them withal; if you could you would have set down the Name. Perhaps you thought that Every Body had long Ears and a foul Tongue that would swear to that they knew nothing of; but you are mistaken as well as others of your company, who, pretending to justify it, heard it all denied to their faces by their own Neighbours. As for the Bell Man's being employed, you may lay that to whom you will; but the Intents of it (as I am informed) was to animate your fearful Hearts at the dreadful approach of your alterations. For who could have thought that the Sight of those dismal changes could have defeated such old Veteran ringers, and put them out 11 Times together, as you have lately been at St. Michael's; where you likewise say, you have rung 5,040 Stedman's Triples. But it was rung no otherwise than with changes alike; Witness your 4th Bell dodging Behind with the 3rd, 2nd and 7th Back Stroke, instead of 2, 4. These things are not to be found in your Peal as you prick't it, yet you all inserted your Names that you rung it: much akin to your former assertions. Likewise you say Stedman and I are mistaken by saying every Bell has a Course alike. As you accused us in Publick, it is reason you should dispute us in Publick; and in your next let me know your Opinion if these Figures in the Margin be the proper Form and Grounds of STEDMAN'S DOUBLES? And whether they, by being brought 5 times over in an expressible denomina-

tive Course do not produce 60, every Bell a Course alike? 4 5 3 1 2
And whether your whole Peal begins from every 12th 5 4 3 2 1
Change throughout your 5,040 as mine, and this Peal in 5 3 4 1 2
the Margin successively do through the 120?

'THOMAS MELCHIOR.'

The controversy is now about the composition of the two peals, and before we discuss that, we had better have the two remaining letters. They are as follows:—

'WHEREAS Mr. Melchior refuseth to meet me before any Man that belongs to neither Company, and that is a judge in the Art of Ringing, but desires that I should dispute with him in Publick; as long as he can deny the Truth in the publick Prints he will go on with his base and Scandalous Actions; for he would make the World believe that he is a very great Man, and Exceeds all in that Art. But, Mr. Melchior, you call me to Account for saying STEDMAN is mistaken and so are you; but if I be right it is so. STEDMAN in page 129 says: That all the bells have a like Course: but if it be so, then tell me why there is Two Alterations in STEDMAN on FIVE BELLS? For the 2nd and 3rd Change Places, therefore, every Bell hath not a course alike; if they had, every Bell would have changed as well as they. But STEDMAN in page 130 says: Whatsoever Two Bells be dodging Behind, at the First Extream, the same Two Bells coming together again Behind is Certaine Warning for the Second Extream to be made; but I must tell you in my Peal of 5,040 when the Doubles are made the same Bells dodge Behind at the first and second Extream or Alterations, as you are pleased to call them. But to the End the Publick may not be imposed on, I have prick't the first Twelve Changes as STEDMAN did himself, and the rest by Quick Hunt; and I would have the World take Notice that the first Time Mr. Melchior makes his Two Doubles with the same Two Bells dodging as STEDMAN does on Five Bells, I will give him a Bowl of Punch of 10s. to cheer up his drooping Heart. For I design to answer no more of his base and Scandalous Advertisements, but rather advise him to keep his Money; and to give every Man his Half-Crown again that he had for his Peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES with fourteen Doubles and 21 Alterations.

'EDWARD CRANE.'

(To understand Crane's point you must remember that Stedman made his Single on the front bells in the middle of a Quick Six, and not on the back bells as has been usual for many years.)

'MR. CRANE, I expected that such an ingenious and compleat Ringer as you have stiled yourself could have found an Answer to Two such easie Questions as I proposed in my last; and not have shifted them off with a false Notion that I refuse to dispute you before any Man that belongs to neither Company; these are scandalous Actions indeed in such a Man as you, who know nothing but how to carp and cavil at another Man's Works, as at the Extream of Stedman: where you say that the 2nd and 3rd Change Places; therefore, every Bell hath not a course alike. But you are mistaken and not Stedman; for if the first 60 Changes be every Bell a like Course so have the last 60; for they do not Change Courses but only Places; for the Courses are entire Whole throughout the Peal, beginning 21354 from every 12th change, which 12 Changes are the real true Course and Grounds of the Whole Work. And Doleman, in page 46, says: "In this Peal every Bell hath one and the same Course, there being no proper Hunt or Half Hunt therein." Now if Stedman be mistaken (who was Master of a College in the University and a learned Mathematician), with Doleman and others, why need I take amiss Mr. Crane's saying I am mistaken, too? For he is a Learned Man and knows Omnia Bene in his own Conceit. However, he may look into Stedman, page 90, and he may see why there are two Alterations on five bells.

'And in pages 129 and 130, it is said: "Every Bell that Comes Behind dodge 6 Changes with one Bell, and 6 with another, and then in Course the parting Change brings it down and cuts compass; the next both not, and so by Turns successively," for which you cannot show throughout your 5,040: for at your Quarter's Peals End your Bells come thus, as in the Margin, it being your Alteration; where there are 3 Parting Changes out of 7, instead of 1 in 6. Likewise, the Treble is turn'd out of a quick Course into a slow one, which should have led a Whole Pull. By this may be seen, who is willing to impose on the Publick; not I nor you neither; for if Sir Thomas and another Gentleman had not kept up all night, you had never seen the peal with 14 Doubles, but they persuaded me to sell it; and if they had not bought it you had never known the proportionable Parts of it; for you Cannot divide the Number of your Fingers by the Rule of Arithmetick. You know you had your Bargain, but you shamefully unman yourself to cry for your money again.

'However, I will take your advice, and in a short time will send

2 1 3 5 4
2 3 1 4 5
3 2 4 1 5
2 3 4 5 1
2 4 3 1 5
4 2 3 5 1
4 3 2 1 5
3 4 2 5 1
4 3 5 2 1

you word who shall be your judge, and where I will dispute with you in private, as you desire.

' THOMAS MELCHIOR.'

P.C. 3 2 1 5 4 7 6
3 1 2 4 5 6 7

P.C. 1 3 4 2 5 7 6
3 1 4 5 2 6 7
3 4 1 2 5 7 6
4 3 2 1 5 6 7

P.C. 3 4 2 1 5 7 6

The reference to Stedman is interesting. The facts, of course, are all wrong, but notice how very near it comes to verbal accuracy. Stedman was a Cambridge man, but he belonged to the town, and not to the University. We have no grounds for calling him a 'learned Mathematician,' but his book is there to show that he was of the stuff that learned mathematicians are made of. And in 1682 he was elected Master, but it was Master of the College Youths, and not of a 'College in the University.'

Doleman was a prominent London ringer who lived during the latter part of the seventeenth century and the earlier part of the eighteenth, a later man than Stedman and older than Annable. He was a member of the Society of London Scholars, and joint author of a book on ringing, called 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing,' by J. D. and C. M., which was published in 1702. One or two editions of this book were printed, and a fair number of copies are still in existence. It is really little more than a revision of Stedman's Campanalogia. In his notebook Annable gives several six-bell methods as the composition of Doleman.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Peterborough, members and visitors attending from Chatteris, Fleet, Market Deeping, Somersham, Sawston, Yaxley, Alwalton, Surfleet, and the local band. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. A. Jones. Tea, to which 21 sat down, was provided at the Co-operative Cafe.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Schoolroom, the president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough) presiding, after which the bells of St. Mary and Woodston were kept going to various methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting for the South-Eastern Division was held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The weather being ideal, many members were present, and represented 13 towers, including the local company. The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock, and service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Fryer). Tea was kindly provided by the Rector in the Parish Room, about 30 members sitting down.—The Rector welcomed the association to Rayleigh, and hoped they would accept him as a member. He said he was pleased to see so many towers represented, and hoped there would always be as much enthusiasm in ringing as there was at the present day.

The Rector was elected an hon. member, and nine members were also elected from Rayleigh.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the service, and for the excellent tea he had provided.

Touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and other members again visited the tower, when the methods rung included Cambridge Surprise.

The bells have been recently recast (with the exception of the fifth, which is a Pre-Reformation bell), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. This was the first peal in the district to be put into their hands, and everyone present was pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read the report of the peal of Treble Bob rung at the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad's, Birmingham, on the 23rd of September, which was conducted by Mr. George E. Large on his 20th birthday. Great credit is due to him for such a good performance, also to his brother ringers for encouraging so young a conductor.—Yours faithfully,

Burford, Oxon.

THOMAS ROND.

FRODSHAM.—For harvest festival, evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Bibby 1, T. Lightfoot 2, C. Valentine 3, J. C. Bibby 4, W. C. Collyer 5, B. Rutter 6, G. H. Randles 7, F. Bibby 8. Also a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Bottomley 1, F. Jagger 2, W. Bottomley 3, S. Jackson 4, W. Ambler (Queensbury) 5, R. Squires (Halifax St. John's), 6, J. Greenwood (conductor) 7, A. Jagger 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the 4th and 6th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Young Bill,' by ringing the 7th to Stedman Cinques at Bow on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, rang his twelfth twelve-bell peal, and it is an interesting fact that he has rung the bells all round, viz.: Ten peals of Cinques and two of Maximus; 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10 at Southwark; 3, 4, 5, 7 at Bow; 11th at Cheltenham; and tenor at Cornhill.

The bells of Carlisle Cathedral are to be dedicated by the Archbishop of York on November 12th. These bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, after a silence of 180 years. This old peal of eight are not very musical, but have been especially preserved as an historical connecting link with the famous Duke of Cumberland, whose activities in the North of England led to the Old 'London Scholars' adopting a new title.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the new bells at King's Norton, on Saturday, should have been called by Mr. Percy O. Ladin, but on that day, unhappily, he had to attend his mother's funeral at Bury St. Edmunds. The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to him, and the other members of his family, including Mr. Peter Ladin, now in Toronto, in their bereavement.

The band of ringers at Sandal, Yorks, are old servants of the church. Mr. H. Robinson has been a ringer there for 55 years; Mr. W. Rayner, 50 years; J. Brewin (who recently retired), 47 years; Mr. A. Kilbury, 40 years; Mr. W. Moxon, 30 years; Mr. W. Robinson, 20 years; Mr. H. Spencer, 12 years. Such a record will be hard to beat.

In addition to his 50 years' service as a ringer, Mr. W. Rayner has also been a chorister for over 50 years. He is a life member of the Yorkshire Association, and vice-president of the Barnsley and District Association.

- It is reported that the bells of All Saints, Poplar, are to be restored. They have been in need of attention for many years.

At the harvest thanksgiving in Kington Magna Church, the 150th Psalm was sung to the accompaniment of the organ, tenor horn, violins, violoncello and handbells. The handbell part was very creditably played by four little boys—one aged eleven, the other three nine years old. It may be of interest to add that the parson (who is secretary of the Salisbury Guild) played the organ, and the clerk the tenor horn, probably a rare combination.

John Povey, who was an active member of the College Youths a century and a half ago, called 'a compleat peal of 5,040 Bob Major' at St. George's, Southwark, on Oct. 10th, 1799.

A band of parsons rang a peal for the first time, when ten clerical ringers scored a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's Warwick, on October 11th, 1910.

Holt's ten-part, one of the classics of composition, was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, at Shoreditch.

On October 14th, 1872, a peal of Reversed Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich. The bobs were made when the treble was in 2nd's place, with the bell in the hunt going up before the treble in every lead. This was the first complete peal with the bells in this position 'ever rung in this part of the country.' S. Biddlestone, who composed and conducted the peal, will be best remembered for his twelve-part bob and single peal of Grandsire.

The bells at Far Headingley, Leeds, were dedicated on Sept. 17th, 1872, and a fortnight later were utilised for a ringing contest in which fourteen sets of ringers competed for prizes. Last week we mentioned a contest at Glossop, which lasted from 9 a.m. to midnight, but what must the public near Far Headingley Church have thought of the competition at their parish church?

Ringings began about noonday, continuing throughout the night, and lasting until the following afternoon! Each party rang Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and the contest lasted 30 hours in all. 'The conduct of the ringers throughout is highly spoken of,' commented the Editor of 'Church Bells,' 'but be that as it may, we should not be true to our principles if we did not repeat our disapprobation of such a use of the bells of the church. Prizes are not necessary to make proficient in the art.'

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just completed the rehangings of the six bells at Offenham, Worcestershire, and they were rededicated on Saturday by the Rev. J. A. F. Peile (Archdeacon of Worcester). Immediately afterwards a peal in seven Minor methods was rung. The band were subsequently kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. G. H. B. and Mrs. Greening.

A visit to Wembley has been arranged by the Ladies' Guild, to take place on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Gentlemen are invited, and doubtless a goodly party will be made up.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Trowbridge during the Wiltshire tour was the first peal of Royal in the county, as stated in the report. A peal of Bob Royal was rung in October, 1923. As a matter of accuracy, a correspondent informs us that Bradford (Holy Trinity) tenor is 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. (not 32 cwt.), and Chippenham (St. Andrew's) 20 cwt. in E flat (not 30 cwt. in B flat).

A peal of 7,020 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, was rung at Aston on October 14th, 1850.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

HINTS ON 'SPlicing' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. NINTH ARTICLE.

We now enter the last lap, and I wonder how many are in the running? Not many, I am afraid. Never mind, don't be discouraged, there is plenty of time to practise and pull up. I shall watch the columns of our paper, and follow the doings of those bands which take advantage of this series of articles, with no small amount of interest. Who will be the second to ring a thirty-five method peal?

The members of this seventh group or first Castle group, which we now have to consider, are 3rd's Place Delight methods, and if those of the preceding group have been thoroughly mastered, half the battle is over, for, with the exception of the odd method, we have similar work 'down' in this section.

In the work 'up' some may recognise New London Treble Bob. This is a method I have never rung myself, and the following will be a guide for those who have:—

Work of Bells	Work of Bells	Resultant
Passing Treble 'up.'	Passing Treble 'down.'	Method.
New London Treble Bob.	Bogedone.	Fotheringay Castle.
New London Treble Bob.	Knutsford.	Skipton Castle.
New London Treble Bob.	Wilmslow.	Queen Victoria.
New London Treble Bob.	Rotherne.	Chenafaw Castle.

It will be necessary to record the work 'up,' so I will extract it from Chepstow Castle, No. 28, page 27, of the Collection. It closely resembles that of the previous group, so be careful not to confuse the two. The first item of note is, there is no second's place above treble, and the bell which snapped, works as at a 'bob' lead of the Ely group. The 2-3 bell runs through both ways. Instead of dodging after lying 6th's, the 3-4 bell returns to 3rd's; then, after making the place, runs up to dodge before lying. The 4-5 bell works in conjunction with the 1-2, i.e., as at a bob lead of Ely, and the 5-6 bell works opposite to 3-4.

The following details of the work 'up' must be recorded:—

Pass treble 1-2 up. Run out, lie and dodge.
 Pass treble 2-3 up. Run out, lie, run in.
 Pass treble 3-4 up. Run out, lie, make 3rd's, dodge 5-8 and lie.
 Pass treble 4-5 up. Dodge and lie, run in (snap treble).
 Pass treble 5-6 up. Lie and dodge, make 3rd's, run out, lie, run in (dodge treble 3-4 down).

BOB WORK

This should present no difficulty, as all the bells work as at a bob lead of the Ely group, although in this case it is these bells passing 1-2 and 4-5 which remain unaltered. To produce the extent, call tenor, 'In, Out, In,' twice repeated (or 1-2, 4-5, 1-2). The omit coming in the first lead of each part should cause no worry.

From the foregoing, it will be realised that each ringer must have his mind on the method being rung, otherwise the similarity of these two last groups will cause endless confusion.

It is now only necessary for me to state that Queen Victoria, No. 35, page 29, is produced by Wilmslow work in; Skipton Castle, No. 30, page 28, by Knutsford work in; and Fotheringay Castle by Boge-done work in. This latter method does not appear in the Collection, and is accordingly reproduced herewith.

Fotheringay Castle. No. 41

	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	1	4	3	6	5	
1	2	4	6	3	5	
2	1	6	4	5	3	
2	6	1	5	4	3	
6	2	5	1	3	4	
6	2	1	5	4	3	
2	6	5	1	3	4	
6	2	5	3	1	4	
2	6	3	5	4	1	
6	2	3	5	1	4	
2	6	5	3	4	1	
6	2	3	5	4	1	
2	6	5	3	1	4	
2	6	5	3	4	1	
6	2	5	3	4	1	
6	2	3	5	1	4	
6	2	3	1	5	4	
6	2	1	3	4	5	
6	1	2	4	3	5	
6	1	4	2	5	3	
6	1	4	5	2	3	
6	1	5	4	3	2	
1	5	6	3	4	2	

Dover Castle, No. 42.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	1	4	3	6	5	
1	2	4	6	3	5	
2	1	6	4	5	3	
2	6	1	5	4	3	
6	2	5	1	3	4	
6	2	1	5	4	3	
2	6	5	1	3	4	
2	6	3	5	3	1	4
6	2	5	5	4	1	
6	2	3	5	1	4	
2	6	5	3	4	1	
2	5	6	4	3	1	
5	2	4	6	3	1	
2	5	4	6	3	1	
5	2	6	4	1	3	
2	5	6	1	4	3	
5	2	1	6	3	4	
5	2	6	1	4	3	
2	5	1	6	3	4	
2	1	5	3	6	4	
1	2	3	5	4	6	
2	1	3	4	5	6	
1	2	4	3	6	5	
1	4	2	6	3	5	

The four methods, Chepstow Castle, Queen Victoria, Skipton Castle and Fotheringay Castle, will splice lead for lead, and the odd method, which splices only course for course, is Dover Castle. This is another method discovered after the present Collection was published: therefore, a lead of it is given above.

Whilst the work 'up' remains the same, do not confuse the work down with Ely. Three bells are occupied with the 'slow.' That which snapped treble remains in the whole of the lead, and its work is in two parts: (a) Place-making and double dodging on; (b) double dodging off and place-making. The bell which passed treble 2-3 down, leads full, does a double dodge off, and goes to places in 3-4, whilst the 3-4 bell, makes places in 3-4, does a double dodge on the lead, leads full and passes treble 2-3 up. Those passing 4-5 and 5-6, make 3rd's and up, as in Morning Star.

Make a record of the work, and get it mastered.

DOVER CASTLE.

Work 'up,' as in Chepstow Castle.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, double dodge on (lead), double dodge off, 2nd's and lead.

Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, double dodge off, 4th's and 3rd's.

Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's and 4th's, double dodge on, lead.

Pass treble 4-5 and 5-8 down. 3rd's and out.

The 'bob' work, of course, remains the same.

'This is all.' The whole of the thirty-five methods have been dealt with, and the peal can be rung with a group of five methods to each extent. To those of you who attempt it, I, along with my 'brother strings,' wish you every success. As with us, many set-backs will be met; do not despair, but stick to your guns. If, for instance, the attempt at a fifteen method peal fails, the next time you meet, tack on more methods, as a sort of punishment for failing. You will be surprised at the result. And remember, whilst nothing succeeds like success, success often follows a failure.

In concluding this part of the 'Hints' to those who desire to take up 'Spliced' ringing, let me state, thirty-five is not the total number of methods it is possible to ring in seven true extents, but forty-two. There is an extra odd method to each group, and only three leads of it are rung, one in each part. Not having gone into this arrangement I am not in a position to describe it in detail, although I have rung one or two six method 720's. If I remember rightly, Mr. Lewis published some figures bearing on this subject, and I will, therefore, leave this matter for other hands.

[Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th, 21st, 28th, Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and Oct. 2nd.]

BELL RESTORATION AT SHIPLAKE, OXON.

The peal of eight bells at Shiplake, Oxon, have recently been rehung and the two tenors recast, and the whole peal tuned. The rededication by the Vicar took place at morning prayer on Sunday, Oct. 4th, a touch of 97 Grandsire Triples being rung by the local ringers. The Vicar, some two years ago, undertook the responsibility of collecting the sum required, nearly £300, to carry out the work, and it is gratifying to him, who is leaving the parish, to see his efforts rewarded. From all sides have come praise for the restored bells.

The oak bell cage is good, but the beams that supported them were in a dilapidated state. Iron girders now carry the weight, and the bells are hung on ball bearings, the 'go' being perfect.

The peal was out of tune, the 7th cracked in the crown, and, unfortunately, on examination at the foundry the tenor also was found to be cracked in the crown. It was a beautiful bell by Robert Patrick. To the local ringers there used to be but one bell to be proud of, the tenor, and while to-day their sentiment goes back to 'the dear old tenor,' they are justly proud of a well-balanced peal, worthy of the House of God. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their good work in the restoration of the bells.

AN OLD 'YOUTH.'

Born on the 4th of October, 'a long time ago,' Mr. W. A. Alps, who was elected a member of the Ancient College of Youths on March 17th, 1874, and who is known to his intimates as 'the man of few words,' received hearty congratulations and good wishes from a band of ringers who met at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, last Sunday to ring for his birthday, and for the harvest festival. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins.: W. H. Hewett 1, W. J. Nelder 2, R. Sanders 3, T. Walker 4, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, J. E. Davis 6, T. H. Taffender 7, A. Marsh 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined ringing practice for the Sonning Deanery was held on Saturday evening at All Saints', Wokingham, when twelve members attended from Beaconsfield, Wyford, Sandhurst, Binfield, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Wokingham. The visitors from Beaconsfield were very welcome. Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major were practised.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.

MR. F. R. BACON'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The passing away of Mr. F. R. Bacon, of Hitchin, with somewhat tragic suddenness on Friday, Sept. 25th, has cast a gloom of sadness amongst the ringers of the county of Hertford. He joined the association in the early days of its formation, and in 1913 became district secretary for the Northern Division of the County. He took great interest in this duty, and the arrangements for the quarterly meetings were managed with a master hand, every detail receiving thought and attention. Especially did he value the opportunity of enlisting the sympathy of the incumbent in permitting a short service on these occasions, and in most cases he was successful. It was at his suggestion these quarterly services were held, for he realised

It is the house of prayer
Wherein Thy servants meet,
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

In recognition of his services he was unanimously elected president at the Easter meeting of 1925, an honour which he greatly appreciated, not for himself alone, but the district he represented.

He was assiduous in his duties at St. Mary's Church, both as sidesman, and as a member of the Parochial Church Council, serving also as a member of the Finance Committee on that body.

He had been associated with Hitchin for over thirty years, being cashier and estimating clerk for a local firm of builders, who held him in the highest esteem. For about 22 years he had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, and was very capable in ringing the standard methods. His recent ambition was the ringing of an officers' peal during his presidency.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, the service being conducted by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Wigginton (an ex-president), and the Rev. L. B. Ashby, Vicar. During the service, the 90th Psalm was recited, and the hymn, 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' was sung, the organist playing the 'Dend March' at the close.

In addition to the family mourners, a great number of people were present, including the bell ringers of St. Mary's Church. The treasurer and secretary of the county association, and other officers, were unable to be present, and at the secretary's request were represented by Mr. E. W. Day, the secretary of the Hitchin band. A beautiful wreath was sent, bearing the inscription: 'A token of esteem,' from the officers and members of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.

A half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, as a tribute of affection for a sincere colleague. The association, and the church he so faithfully served, have lost a man of high principle, and of him it could be said, 'I have set the Lord always before me,' in all his church activities.

To Mrs. Bacon the ringers extend heartfelt sympathy in her deep sorrow, and pray that God will comfort and console her in her trial.
G. W. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY EXPLAINS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the account in your last issue, of the meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Midland District, at which the secretary resigned, I should like to correct the impression given therein, that I have raised an objection to an hon. member being secretary of a district.

I had always been given to understand that the Midland district secretary was only carrying on until a ringing member could be found who would do the work. Moreover, at the last annual meeting of the district, the secretary expressed a wish to retire, and has since written me to this effect.

Shortly before the annual meeting at Reading, I received reports from the secretaries of districts on the work of the year, and that received from the Midland district was to the effect that the meetings were not being supported as they should be. I drew up my report accordingly, and submitted it to Mrs. Groves before the meeting. She entirely agreed with all my remarks, which were not to the effect that I objected to an hon. member being secretary, but that it was a pity there was not a ringing member sufficiently enthusiastic to take over the secretaryship from which Mrs. Groves wished to retire.

Had I any objection to an honorary member being secretary I should have brought the matter forward when the election took place in 1921.

In view of the report in 'The Ringing World,' there is not the slightest doubt that the case has been misrepresented to the members, and they were not informed by the secretary that she had seen the report before the meeting.

I much regret that it has been necessary for me to take up your valuable space in this way, but I feel some explanation should be made to correct the false impression conveyed in the report.—Yours truly,
EDITH K. PARKER.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH VISIT TO 'CATHEDRAL OF SOUTH CHESHIRE.'

The ancient and historic town of Nantwich was the venue of the monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild last Saturday, when over 30 members attended, despite the unfavourable elements. Nantwich, where the last annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild was held, is always a popular venue. Campanologists, whenever they can, make a point of visiting the 'Cathedral of South Cheshire,' a name which the old church has for so long enjoyed. It is said to be 14th century work, and, apart from any bell ringing attractions, an inspection of this decorated Gothic architecture is well worth while. It is interesting to note that a peculiarity of the tower, which is octagonal, and rises from the centre of the church, is that it is square in the lower portion, and eight-sided above the roof level.

However, turning to the meeting, all agreed that a most enjoyable day was spent. The afternoon 'session' commenced with some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Towers represented were Crewe, Nantwich, Church Lawton, Sandbach, Acton, Tarporley, Davenham, Ightfield, Wistaston and Horton-in-Hales, while Mr. E. W. Elwell, the general secretary of the Guild, came from Capenhurst.

YOUNG RINGERS' INTEREST.

It was pleasing to see the good muster of youngsters, who took a keen interest in the ringing and all the proceedings. Visiting members expressed their keen satisfaction with the progress the younger members are making at Nantwich, under the able tutelage of Mr. W. Sutton, who has been willingly assisted by the enthusiastic members from Crewe. Great satisfaction was also expressed at the tone and 'go' of the eight bells, which were voted as one of the finest peals in the county of Chester. Nantwich members might well be proud of the compliments paid to their sweet-toned bells.

Following the afternoon ringing, the company adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was generously provided. Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Langford and Miss Ethel Davies very kindly undertook the duties of waitresses, and right well did they carry out their work. The Rector (the Rev. C. W. Montgomery Bromley) was present, and occupied the chair for the business meeting which followed the enjoyable repast.

The popular branch secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford (Crewe) gave a brief report on current happenings. He remarked that the bells at Norbury would be dedicated on November 21st, which clashed with the date of the monthly meeting at Acton. It was suggested, he said, that the Acton meeting should be held on November 14th, so that members would be able to attend the dedication at Norbury, the Acton members being quite agreeable to such a change.—In this proposal the meeting concurred.

A REPRESENTATIVE ON DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Elwell also addressed the meeting, and expressed his pleasure at being present. He gave a brief account of the meeting of the Central Council at Chester some four months ago. He mentioned that the question of cheap railway fares for ringers was receiving his attention. Mr. Elwell said the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. A. Clements, of Grappenhall) had been appointed by the Bishop of Chester to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He thought this was a step in the right direction, as it was most advisable that on such bodies there should be representatives with a practical knowledge of bell ringing, in order to safeguard such things as the mutilation or destruction of old bells with great historic value.

Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe) echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Elwell with regard to ringers' representatives on the Diocesan Advisory Committee.—Mr. Holding moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Nantwich people for the excellent tea which had been served, to the ladies for their valued assistance, and to the Rector for the use of the bells. He said it showed how popular Nantwich was when they had such a good attendance. They certainly had in Nantwich a very fine peal of bells. Norbury were very fortunate if they had a better peal than Nantwich.

Mr. W. Holding seconded, and said Nantwich possessed the finest peal of bells on which he had ever rung.

The motion was carried with applause, and the Rector, responding, said he was extremely pleased to hear that their bells were such a fine peal. He referred to the great amount of time and trouble the Nantwich members devoted to the bells, and in keeping everything in order, and in conclusion expressed his pleasure at the visit the branch had made.

The Rector conducted service in church, and afterwards another visit was paid to the tower, where the members indulged in touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major, concluding a most enjoyable day.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evensong, Sunday, Oct. 4th, in 53 mins., 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. Davies 1, W. H. Pickett 2, W. Fisher 3, A. Lintott 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, C. I. Davies 6, J. Martin 7, T. C. Larkey 8, E. Caunce 9, A. A. Griffiths 10.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CARD OF INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CIRCULATED.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Stow, on Saturday, Sept. 26th, and proved to be a huge success. Amongst the towers represented were the following: Bigby, Branston, Lincoln (Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, and St. Peter-at-Gowls), Haxey, Willingham, Gainsborough, Welton (including the Rev. A. Hunt), and the local company. The ringers at Surfleet, who were having their annual outing, also honoured the branch with their presence. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, while rounds were also rung for the benefit of the lesser advanced members. On one of these occasions the ropes were handled by six lady members of the Guild. These members of the fair sex were, however, not by any means all beginners, as one of them is much further advanced in the art of change ringing than the writer of this report.

At the service, the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow) officiated, and Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch) read the lessons. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), who preached a most appropriate and instructive sermon, taking for his text, 1 Corinthians x. 31, 'Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

Subsequently an excellent tea was provided and partaken of by 59 members and friends. The business meeting followed. Owing to the Rev. H. Law James having to leave early, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his excellent sermon.—In response, he expressed a hope that what he had said would be carried out by the members.

Mr. F. F. Linley presided over the meeting, supported by the Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby (president of the Grimsby district), and members of the committee. Apologies for absence and best wishes for a good meeting were read from the Rev. G. S. Lyack, Caistor; Rev. T. Russell Warrilow, St. Andrew's, Grimsby; Rev. R. Bond, St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln; and the Rev. R. G. Fookes, Lea.

Bigby was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the arrangement of the date being left in the hands of the Rev. H. T. Parry and the hon. secretary.

Mr. F. F. Linley proposed, and Mr. C. H. Baker seconded, that the sum of £1 ls. be granted towards the rehanging of the bells of St. Peter's Church, Navenby, likewise, that the sum of £2 2s. be granted towards the rehanging of the bells at St. Peter-at-Arches Church, Lincoln.—On being put to the meeting, this was duly carried.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution in connection with ringing matters in the Sleaford district, which had been passed at a previous meeting of the Lincoln district, but, as Mr. W. H. Lloyd expressed a wish to withdraw it, stating he had been informed that there was a possibility of ringing being revived in that neighbourhood, the members acceded to his request.

The Secretary informed those present that he had recently received a copy of the card issued by the Central Council respecting the care and use of church bells. It was agreed that application be made, through the Guild secretary, for a sufficient number to enable a copy to be sent to each tower in the branch containing three bells and upwards. Should it not be possible to obtain the number required, it was suggested to make the best use of those available.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to the visitors from Surfleet, and to Mrs. F. F. Linley.

The President gave an interesting address, which was greatly appreciated by the members.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells; the Stow members and friends for the excellent tea provided; and all others who had helped towards making the meeting such a success.—These were duly responded to by the Rev. J. Barber.

After the close of the meeting, further ringing took place until about 7.45 p.m., and brought to an end 'another perfect day.'

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on Sept. 21th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Salter 1 M. Ward 2, S. Pinder 3, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Vickers 6, G. West 7, A. R. Leader 8, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Hawkins, who was interred in Bulwell Cemetery on the previous day.

On Monday, Sept. 21st, at Hambledon, Hants, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Perkins (father of one of the local ringers), who was interred on that date in the local churchyard, and who for upwards of 24 years was a sidesman at the Parish Church, 780 Grandsire Doubles (being six and a half 120's), with the bells half-muffled, by T. Parker 1, W. E. Hunt 2, J. Turner 3, G. Spiller 4, R. Hasted (conductor) 5, E. Marb 6. R. Hasted hails from Farnham, Surrey, the rest belong to the local band.

THE BROADCAST OF BIRMINGHAM BELLS REV. MAITLAND KELLY URGES EXTENSION OF 'WIRELESS' RINGING.

The bells of St. Philip's, Birmingham, when broadcast on Sunday week, were heard in many parts of the country. Writing to the Hon. Secretary of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the veteran ex-President of the Devon Guild, said: 'In this tiny parish, so many miles distant from Birmingham, we had indeed a treat last night, as we listened with pleasure to your ringing. We could hear it quite distinctly, and the only regret was that it was too short. I wish with you that the Broadcasting Company would try and develop this part of their splendid work. I have written them a letter this morning suggesting that they should do so, and thus bring the country folk into touch with some of the famous peals in London and elsewhere, by giving them an exhibition of really good change ringing. I can understand that it will not be easy (1) to find men to undertake the ringing; (2) to obtain consent of the church authorities; (3) to select a time suitable to the public to listen. The latter point seems to me the most difficult, but on the whole Sunday seems the best day; time either 6 p.m. to 6.30 or 7.45. In most country parishes evening service is at 6.30 p.m. or 7 p.m. If the company began with the London towers and got in touch with the different ringing societies, they would surely be able to get a really good band to give illustrations... May we not also hope that one day we may have parts of peals broadcast? We cannot expect to be in touch with a whole peal, but arrangements might be made for a half-hour of it. If a breakdown occurred the band would be willing to ring a touch during the specified time.'

AN ENTHUSIASTIC BAND.

Few bands of ringers have advanced more quickly in campanology than that at Kempston, Beds. Until about three years ago they knew nothing of the art of method ringing. Then Mr. P. Inskip joined the band, and introduced scientific change ringing into the belfry, and, with the assistance of Mr. C. W. Clarke, the company has made good progress. The following touches have been rung recently, viz.: Sunday, Sept. 27th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Waller 1, A. Dollin 2, G. Hutchings 3, C. W. Clarke 4, L. Turner (conductor) 5, P. Inskip 6. Also 720 College Exercise: C. W. Clarke 1, G. Hutchings 2, P. Inskip 3, N. Wiles 4, H. Beard 5, L. Turner (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Beard 1, A. Waller 2, L. Turner 3, A. Dollin 4, N. Wiles 5, P. Inskip (conductor); and also 360 Plain Bob Minor.

For harvest thanksgiving service, on Friday, Oct. 2nd 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Beard 1, A. Waller 2, L. Turner 3, A. Dollin 4, N. Wiles 5, P. Inskip (conductor) 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Waller 1, A. Dollin 2, H. Beard 3, G. Hutchings 4, P. Inskip 5, L. Turner (conductor) 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Bob Minor, after service.

'NO "MEN'S" CLATTER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 24th, you publish a letter on the subject of 'Nomenclature' by Mr. Fernly, which I think is the soundest piece of common sense that has been penned on this very fatuous subject.

The Council and its committee have no right in equity to change any name, once bestowed, and their hapless floundering in the slough of 'euphony,' 'redundancy,' etc., only make one smile at their want of logic. A name is, when spoken, merely a collection of articulated sounds; and when written a collection of hieroglyphics, which distinguish one article from another. The test of euphony is useless, for the very simple reason that what sounds euphonious to one ear would only grate on the ear of another. Beauty always is in the eye (or ear) of the beholder, and, when Press ridicule is called into question, well, any collection of letters can be ridiculed, or otherwise at will.

But the thing which seems to have escaped the hon. committee's notice is the fact that they are creating a precedent. If it is in order for this Council to change the existing names to suit the tastes of this committee, then it is possible for a future generation to appoint another committee to do likewise, so what tenure is any name going to have? Ridicule 'Bluebell' and 'Tulip' if you like; they certainly remind one of horticulture, but they are, as 'A Flat' pointed out, some of our Creator's finest work. I warrant the committee won't do any better work. The whole thing reminds me of the lady who had a small son, whom she called John when a good boy, and Jack when naughty: but 'twas the same boy. If 'names for methods' is more important than the history of the Exercise and a record of compositions, then I think it is time we shut up shop on Whitsun Tuesday. Should the committee succeed in their nefarious designs on our right to bestow what name we like on 'our own as first to ring it,' I have no doubt they would have the smug complacency to accept a vote of thanks for their arduous 'labours'!—Yours sincerely,

Manchuria.

JOE. E. SYKES.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

TOWERS JOIN FORCES.

On Saturday, Sept. 5th, a party of ringers from Cheadle, Kingsley and Norton, joined forces, and paid a visit to Edgmond, in Shropshire. 'Go' was called at Cheadle at 12.15 p.m., the Kingsley and Norton friends being picked up on the way. Forton was reached about 2.15, and here a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. This was followed by 720 Cambridge Surprise, in which F. Edwards rang the treble, this being his first of Treble Bob. The Rev. E. S. Lewis came to the belfry and gave the visitors a hearty welcome, after which a move was made for Edgmond, which was reached at 5 o'clock. Here the ringers sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by Mrs. T. Mansell, sister of Mr. Carnwell, of Kingsley. Afterwards, at the church, 720 each of Duke of York and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The Vicar (the Rev. Provost Talbot) being away, the curate welcomed the ringers. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the return journey commenced, Cheadle being reached at 11.15 p.m. The ringers taking part were J. E. Wheeldon, J. Walley, S. Ryles, H. and W. Carnwell, J. and H. Beresford, A., E. and F. Edwards, and A. W. Hall.

CARDIFF RINGERS' LONG TOUR.

On Saturday, August 29th, the ringers of St. John's Church, Cardiff, held their annual outing, for which ringing had been arranged at the Abbey Church, Tewkesbury, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and Painswick. At 7.15 a.m. the party, accompanied by ringing friends from Llandaff, Whitchurch and Pentre, and Mr. John Clutterbuck, one of the original members of the association, and the wives and lady friends of several of the members, to the number of 25, set out by charabanc for Newport, where they were joined by Mr. J. W. Jones. Proceeding then via Caerleon, Usk, Raglan and Monmouth, a halt was called at Ross for light refreshments, and the party then proceeded via Gloucester to Tewkesbury, which was reached shortly after mid-day. Lunch was the first consideration, and all did full justice to a splendid spread at the Italian Restaurant, which adjoins the Abbey grounds. The ringers, under the guidance of Mr. Smith, next found their way to the belfry, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters, a couple of touches being brought round. A short inspection of the famous old Abbey followed, and the party then moved on to Cheltenham, where Mr. Pates met them. The twelve bells were soon swinging, several of the party having their first pull on twelve bells in rounds. Afterwards, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round, with Mr. Pates taking a rope in the Stedman. Next, the visitors made for Painswick, where Mr. Albert Wright was awaiting them. The bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters, and afterwards, with Mr. Wright and one of his band standing in, two courses of Cinques (conducted by Mr. Wright) were brought round. This was the first touch of Cinques for several of the party. Gloucester was the next objective, and after tea and a brief look round the city, the last stage of the journey home was commenced. To the strains of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' J. W. J. was left at Newport, and Cardiff was reached at 12.15 a.m. This ended a splendid day's outing, in which fine weather, grand scenery, and beautiful bells each contributed to the enjoyment of all members of the party, who take this opportunity to express their best thanks to Mr. Smith, of Tewkesbury; Mr. Pates, of Cheltenham; and Mr. Wright, of Painswick, for their hearty welcome, and the arrangements made for ringing.

WALSALL RINGERS VISIT INTERESTING CHURCHES.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the ringers of St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, with their wives and friends, bringing the number up to 20, had an enjoyable outing. Starting about 2 o'clock in a luxuriant motor coach, a 20 miles' run brought in sight 'The Ladies of the Vale,' as a celebrated novelist has described the spires of Lichfield Cathedral. Passing by the Close, the villages of King's Bromley and Yoxall, each with its church and ring of six bells, were also passed, the first stop being at Hoar Cross. Although the bells were in the hands of the bell hangers, and no ringing was possible, the party were all bent on seeing this wonderful church. Built by the late Mrs. Meynell-Ingram, of the adjoining hall, in memory of her husband, the building is of a cruciform design, with a fine central tower. The writer cannot attempt to describe the wealth of sculpture, carving and paintings which this church contains. The next stop was Hanbury. It was here that the body of St. Werburgh was buried in 699 A.D., to be taken afterwards to Chester (in 874) to save it from the Danes, and also to do more honour to her memory. The church, like Chester Cathedral, is dedicated to St. Werburgh. It is situated on a hill, and is well worth a visit. There is a most beautiful font, and some very old monuments, and the view from the top of the tower well repaid those who made the climb. Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung here. Some of the bells are very 'false struck,' and were rather a trial to some of the younger members of the band. Though this and the previously named church are rather inaccessible, it was found that 'Uncle Joe,' of somewhere in Asia, had been to both of them. The next call was Burton-on-Trent, where a splendid tea was awaiting

the party at Bailey's Cafe. The next move was to the well-appointed ringing chamber of St. Paul's, where Mr. J. Swinfield and ringers from Tamworth and Ashby-de-la-Zouch were waiting for the Walsall men, and the splendid peal of ten were soon set going to Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major. The visitors were loath to leave such an easy-going ring, and the last touch was a well-struck one of Stedman Caters, conducted by M. Swinfield. Home was reached at 10.30, after a most delightful time. The band wish to thank the Vicars of Hanbury and St. Paul's, Burton, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Deaville, of Hanbury, and Mr. J. Swinfield, of Burton, for having everything in readiness, and so kindly meeting them.

THAT UNLUCKY 13.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It's strange, passing strange, that I (that's Irenæus) should be the one destined to wrest supposed laurels from the brow of Edward F. Gobey, aged 13. Really it goes against the grain, and I don't at all fancy the job of depriving 'Young Falstaff' of the honour of being the youngest ringer to ring a peal on tower bells for the M.C.A. But, sir, 'Honestum Versatur in Tribuendo Suum Cuique,' which, translated into the 'Ilsonian' dialect, reads as follows: 'Honesty consists in giving each his own.' Now, sir, that's done it, and knowing what little I do know, I am duty bound to give honour where honour is due! If the person who sent in that report had put in a footnote stating that 'Young Falstaff' was believed to have the largest corporation for a youngster of that unlucky age 'Terminus Decimus' in the M.C.A., and was a budding and a most formidable rival of H. C., of 'Womanchester,' I might have 'believed' it.

Now, let's see what the daughter of William 'The Conqueror' did on Saturday, October 12th, 1912, at Quorndon. Miss Hilda Willson rang her first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 3 hours, and she was aged 13, and was presumed to be the youngest 'Girl' ringer—mark you, the feminine qualification is here—on record to accomplish a peal upon church bells. This peal was rung for the M.C.A. Hard lines, Falstaff! Keep 'following in your father's footsteps,' but for goodness' sake, lad, be careful, and cautious! When you approach 'Thacker Barn Pond,' you'll lose all trace of 'em there. I congratulate the youngest Ilsonian who has rung a peal! These flippant comments are written in kindly humour, and are not malicious! But compare the dates 1912 and 1925. There again you'll find that unlucky and dominating factor, to wit, 13. Personally, I'm not superstitious, but it's there nevertheless, 13!

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The well-known Norwich ringer and conductor, Mr. G. H. Cross, completed his third century of peals during the North Kent tour. The following is the list of his peals:—

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Stedman Caters	6	3
Stedman Cinques	4	1
Bob Major	15	8
Bob Royal	2	2
Oxford T.B. Major	35	25
Oxford T.B. Royal	2	1
Kent T.B. Major	27	19
Kent T.B. Royal	10	7
Kent T.B. Maximus	6	3
Double Norwich Major	92	71
Double Norwich Royal	1	1
St. Clement's Major	1	
Double Oxford Major	3	3
Superlative Surprise Major	15	6
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	11
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	1
London Surprise Major	2	
Bristol Surprise Major	1	
Totals	226	173
Total rung, 300; total conducted, 205; rung in 71 towers, and in 10 counties.		34 32

SAMLESBURY, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. J. Armstrong 1, A. Bailey 2, J. T. Bimson 3, J. Armstrong 4, F. Harwood 5, B. A. Knights 6, E. Armstrong (conductor) 7, J. Bailey 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, for service, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 51 mins.: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, J. A. Trollope 3, W. Shepherd 4, W. H. Hollier 5, R. Congreve Pridgeon 6, F. Skevington 7, R. Grimwood 8, H. A. Folkard 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the rededication of the tower and bells.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Robinson, junr., 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, W. Robinson 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, T. B. Newton (conductor) 6, T. F. Hewerton 7, W. Fisher 8. Arranged for Miss E. M. Stuart, of Dalton-in-Furness.

READING.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: L. Baker (first quarter-peal) 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Evans 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, H. Egby 5, E. Humfrey 6, A. Bailey 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung on the octave of the dedication festival.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest (thanksgiving, evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, J. Redgwell 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,285 changes): W. Enticnap 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. Etheridge 3, W. Chivers 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. Loader 6, G. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Thorne 10.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: C. Heath 1, S. Radford 2, E. Etheridge 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, E. Raddon 5, W. Loader 6, G. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, J. Trethowan (first quarter-peal) 10. The above are Sunday Service ringers.

HERSEHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Edser 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, W. T. Beeson 3, F. Woodiss 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, A. Woodrow 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. Gill 8.—To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. J. Somers-Smith the 'middle quarter' of Holt's Original: A. Dodson (longest length) 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, G. Edser 3, J. Loveridge 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, J. Gill (longest inside) 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, A. Woodrow 8.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for morning service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles: T. Parker 1, W. E. Hunt 2, J. Turner 3, W. Boyes 4, R. Hasted (conductor) 5, E. Marsh 6. Also four courses of Plain Bob Doubles.—For evening service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles: G. Spiller ringing the 4th, the rest standing as above.—On Monday, 21st Sept., at a special practice, several 120's Bob Doubles by the following ringers: R. Hasted, W. E. Hunt, J. Hooker, E. Marsh, S. Parker, R. Perkins, J. Turner and G. Spiller. First 120 of Bob Doubles by all except Messrs. Hasted, Hooker and Parker. Conducted by R. Hasted, who hails from Farnham, Surrey.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 13th, for evensong, 1,344 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Needham 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, C. R. Belton 3, T. K. Deacon 4, G. R. Newton 5, H. Garner 6, A. Mason 7, G. P. Garner (conductor) 8.—On 'Wake' Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. P. Whitehead 1, W. White 2, A. Mason 3, C. R. Belton (conductor) 4, C. H. Belton 5, H. Garner 6, G. P. Garner 7, P. Yates (longest length) 8. For evening service, 1,344 Bob Major, in 44 mins.: T. K. Deacon (Earl Shilton) 1, W. White 2, J. F. Clarke (Nuncaton) 3, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 4, C. R. Belton 5, C. H. Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 6, W. Williams (Lutterworth) 7, G. P. Garner 8.

A DUKE'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, Sept. 26th, the Duke of Newcastle's birthday was celebrated by the ringers of the Priory Church, Worksop, who extended their good wishes to him, through the medium of the bells. 'Rounds' and 'Queens' were rung, and the bells 'fired' at intervals. Also 1,036 Grandsire Triples was rung: S. Jordan (longest length) 1, G. Hardwick 2, Miss Taylor 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, W. Roberts 5, H. Jordan 6, T. Wilson 7, E. Clarke 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, Sept. 30th, for the harvest festival, 1,056 Bob Major: G. Wilson 1, *A. D. Wilson 2, *H. C. Balls 3, J. M. Bailey 4, C. P. Bailey (conductor) 5, G. Bailey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, P. J. Smith 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, 1,008 Bob Major: *E. Hambling 1, F. J. Smith 2, C. F. Bailey 3, *R. C. Kersey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, L. P. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, G. Wilson (conductor) 8. * Longest length.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 15th and 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3.15, with Heston Tower for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Book to Osterley Park Station (District) and a beautiful rural walk through the park.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Rectory Parish Room at 5.30 at 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending the meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A monthly meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready early. Divine service 4.30. Preacher, Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers are invited to visit this tower, where, over 110 years ago, a peal consisting of 21 variations of Treble Bob Minor extents (15120 changes) was rung. For tea tickets apply to Mr. A. Panther, 25, Sandy Mount Road, Wath, Rotherham.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Litton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi, near Martock, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Martock bells (8) available. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., Martock, Somerset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shroton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members), followed by business meeting. Towers available: Shroton, Child Okeford and Iwerne Minster (all 6 bells).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Arrangements as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. A social will be held after the close of ringing.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is requested. Ringing at St. Clement Danes on Mondays, the 12th, at 6.30, and the 26th at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill (Grange Road Station) Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). Bus service from Haywards Heath or Three Bridges. Those attending please notify divisional secretary not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please let me know all who require tea. Wood Green bells open from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury & District Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than 14th.—R. R. Lewis, Branch Sec., South Bar, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries, gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d. Will tower secretaries please inform Mr. G. Newton, 20, Nicholson Street, Rochdale, of the numbers who intend to be present not later than Saturday, Oct. 10th?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available all day. Tea at 4 for all sending word by Oct. 14th. Meeting afterwards. Certificates now ready, 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—W. Horan, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan (Peterston Station) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John N. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) available from noon. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head, to those who notify Mr. G. Hill, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, by Thursday, the 15th. Will all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1925 try and do so at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672), NOTTINGHAM.—A practice and meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 5 to 9 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting for business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Black Notley, near Braintree. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards. It is hoped that ringers will make an endeavour to attend this, the first meeting, at this somewhat out of the way parish to give some encouragement to a young band of ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Swindon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 17th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church, addressed by the Rev. C. Tristram, Rector of Ducklington. 4 p.m., tea at the Central Cafe, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. Bells available during afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — A visit to Wembley is being arranged for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Meet at Wembley Park Station (Metropolitan Railway) at 2 o'clock. Tea arranged for those only who let me know by Monday, Oct. 19th. Gentlemen specially invited to join us.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Women's Institute Hut. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 21st?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

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